Grant of powers to Special Officers for Depressed Classes for sanction of darkhasts.

Q.—480. Sri SIDDIAH *alias* KUNNIAH (Gundlupet -Heggaddevankote—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the duties of the Special Officers appointed for the upliftment of Harijans;

(*b*) whether these officers have been invested with powers to sanction darkhasts for lands received from the Depressed Classes;

(*c*) if not, why the Government should not consider the question of giving them such powers?

A.— Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The lists of duties assigned to the Special Officers by the Commissioner for Depressed Classes and Government are appended below.—

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The disposal of Government land for whatever purpose vests in the Revenue Department. It is not desirable to invest more than one department with this power.

Cirular Order No. D.C. 509—47-48, dated 25th May 1948, from the Commissioner for Depressed Classes in Mysore, Bangalore.

To all the Special Officers for Depressed Classes (through the Deputy Commissioners of Districts).

The Special Officers for Depressed Classes are directed to attend to the following items of work every month:—

(1) They must prepare a well considered tour programme for every month so as to make it possible for inspecting every place where construction of model houses for Depressed Classes people have been taken up.

(2) They must accordingly inspect every place where model houses are being built and give an impetus to the people to complete their buildings rapidly.

(3) They must visit places which are selected by the District Advisory Committee for constructing tiled houses, bathing ghats or Bhajana Mandirams and make the people to start the works.

(4) They must inspect the Taluk Offices and check the dafter of the Revenue Inspectors and find out the—

(*a*) Number of Depressed Class darkhasts pending in the Taluk Office and with the Revenue Inspectors of Hoblis.

(*b*) The number of Land Acquisition Cases relating to Depressed Class extensions pending in the Taluk Offices and with the Revenue Inspectors.

(*c*) Accidental fire cases pending relief.

(*d*) Loan applications of Depressed Class people pending.

(*e*) The amelioration grant requests and find out how much of grant has been spent every year and how much has been left over.

(*f*) They must, immediately on return to District Headquarters, bring to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner the case of abnormal delay in dealing with any of the above cases by the Taluk Office and by the Revenue Inspector.

(*g*) They must attend to the early completion of darkhasts and acquisition records.

(*h*) They must contact the Depressed Class people in each taluk and the Local Officers and see that the grievances of Depressed Class people are redressed by the Local Officers.

(*i*) They must arrange for Depressed Class Conference in each Hobli Headquarters and inculcate to the people habits of cleanliness, thrift and advise them to take to education and utilise the several facilities granted to them and to give up abominable practices. The number of conferences so held must be reported through their diaries.

Powers and Duties of the Special Officers for Depressed Classes.

(Order No. L.B. 9729-63—A. D. C. 22-48-4, dated Bangalore, the 7th May 1949.)

1. The Special Officers for the Depressed Classes shall work under the direct control of the District Development Officers but shall be subject to

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supervision of their work by the Regional Officer of the Regions concerned.

2. In addition to the other duties that have been assigned to him already it shall be his special duty to collect statistics relating to the dwelling conditions, drinking water facilities, prospects of and facilities required for Cottage or Home Industries and other items of work connected with the Depressed Class uplift.

3. He shall endeavour to organise Co-operative Societies with the help of the Co-operative Department and try to improve the economic condition of the people by means of co-operative farming and collective aid to Home Industries.

4. He shall arrange for group meetings in order to impart to the people educative information through propaganda and otherwise.

5. He shall scrutinise the work of the Special Revenue Inspectors closely and effectively.

Cinema Houses in the State

Q.—107 Sri M. CHIKKALINGIAH (Malavalli—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of Cinema Houses in the State (City, Town and Village-war information may kindly be furnished);

(*b*) the total amount realised by Government by way of license fee, charges of power and light, supply of water, etc., therefor ?

A.— Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA Minister for Home Affairs and Agriculture).—

(*a*) Cities	...	53
Towns	...	58
Villages	...	3
	Total	114

(*b*) Information cannot be furnished as no definite period is specified.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಒಂದು ಸಮಿತಿ ಇದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯಿಂದ ಏದು ಉಪ್ಪವಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಸಿನಿಮಾಮಂದಿರಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೈಸನ್ಸ್ ಕೊಡುವವರು ಯಾರು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಸಿದ್ದವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಚಿಕ್ಕಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯನವರು.—ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಎಂದರೆ ಯಾರು ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(*Not taken up.*)

Disposal of Darkhast Lands.

Q.—149. Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY (Goribidnur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is any definite policy adopted by them in the disposal of the darkhast lands to the public;

(*b*) is so, the policy ?

A.— Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The policy is contained in Rule 43 and other connected rules of the Land Revenue Rules.

Primary Schools in the State.

Q.—154. Sri N. C. NAGAIAH REDDY (Goribidnur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of primary schools that exist in the State ;

(*b*) the number of them without buildings and the number of them without teachers;

(*c*) for how many buildings they have received public donations and amount received against each school and the action taken in each case for the last twenty years ?